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Dear Public Lands Interim Committee,

I was discouraged to learn that the public hearings scheduled will be held during the fall hunting season. This will preclude many Idaho hunters and anglers, arguably the demographic who most appreciate the opportunities afforded us by public lands, from participating in the hearings. Like many sportsmen, my family and I will be archery hunting on public lands and will be unable to attend.

Public lands in Idaho, and across the western United States, provide opportunities for recreation that are unique. The space and freedom we enjoy due to the availability of public lands is our birthright. The loss of access that a transfer of these lands represents is completely unacceptable.

I absolutely oppose the transfer of public lands in any way, shape, or form.

I respectfully request that this letter serve as my public testimony.

Thank you for your consideration,



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